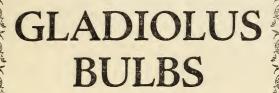
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Delphinium Seeds

from RIDGEWOOD GARDENS

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### **GREETINGS!**

My fifth annual catalog goes to a group of gardening friends to whom I express thanks for continued valued patronage. Those whose names are still being added to my list are welcomed to the circle. To all I wish a happy year in the garden, many pleasures and no regrets—especially because of what may be acquired from me.

I have never attempted to grow bulbs in a large way for the wholesale trade, though some of my stocks are quite sizeable, and am content to remain a hobbyist. Additional varieties are sought each year with as much a view to pleasure as profit—often more so. Outstanding varieties that appeal to me, or come highly recommended by friends whose judgment I value, find their ways to my garden if the appeal is not too greatly outweighed by their prices.

#### MY PRICES

My prices are as low as seems possibly consistent with the acquisition cost, growing, cataloging, marketing etc. Most of my prices will meet the competition of alleged wholesale growers who circulate their price sheets to all who ask. Obviously a single bulb of low priced varieties cannot well be sold, separately packed and labeled at the price per 100, but where quoted by the dozen I will sell three at the dozen rate. My rates per dozen will approximate the prices of the growers referred to, few of whom are in absolute agreement on prices.

### ADVERTISING

Advertising in garden publications this year will be extremely limited. I am relying chiefly on you who receive the catalog at time of issuance and your friends whose names you might be so kind as to send me. The sending of names of persons actually interested in such as I have to sell will be rewarded in the extras sent you with your orders. Try me and see.

### QUALITY and GUARANTEES

In common with the trade I make no guarantees of the results of your planting. All my bulbs in all stages, from planting to shipping, receive my personal handling. No hired help to mix them. Those sold are of best quality and pure stock. All errors as to varieties will be rectified. Oregon grown bulbs are hard to beat. When any grower, here or elsewhere, boasts that bulbs grown by him are the best in the world he is—well, we will call it "just advertising."

#### TERMS

Cash with order is requested, but will hold orders for delivery not later than March 31st for a deposit of 25% on orders totaling \$10.00 or more. All stock offered and orders accepted subject to prior sale.

#### SUBSTITUTIONS

When stock of any variety is exhausted no substitutions will be made unless you ask it. You will get the kinds you order or your money back.

#### TRANSPORTATION COSTS and SHIPMENT

Bulbs sold will be sent prepaid to any address reached by parcels post in the United States, its territories, and Canada. Bulbs will be shipped when danger of freezing in transit is past. They may be forwarded to Pacific Coast points about any time. Where weight is enough to make the cost comparable with mail costs, shipments by express may be made with comparative safety throughout the winter.

#### DISCOUNTS

At the extremely low prices quoted herein no discounts can be offered for retail quantities.

However, to stimulate early orders an inducement is made for orders reaching me by March 10, 1929. On such orders additional bulbs of your own selection will be allowed thus:

Orders totaling \$5.00, additional bulbs to the value of \$1.00. Orders in excess of \$5.00, select additional bulbs to the value of 20%—one-fifth of your order. Just write your selections at the bottom of your order sheet as "EXTRAS." For early orders less than five dollars I will add stock of my own selection.

#### PLANTING STOCK and BULBLETS

Planting stock and bulblets are offered to the trade at usual wholesale prices. Quotations will be made upon application with quantities desired.

#### SIZES OF BULBS

Unless otherwise designated the bulbs listed are No. 1 size, measuring 11-2 inches or more in diameter. When sold out of a size ordered I reserve the privilege of filling orders from next smallest size in quantities to equal value.

Smaller size bulbs will produce blooms later than bulbs of larger dimensions. Then, too, the smaller bulbs being generally in their first year from bulblet stock, will produce strong young bulbs for the next year's planting. The prices of bulbs of newer varieties sometimes cause the prospective purchaser to forego the pleasure of possessing them; in such instances it is a measure of economy to buy smaller sizes when available.

The standard grading by measurements by diameter is as follows:

No. 2—11-4 to 11-2 inches. No. 4—3-4 to 1 inch. No. 6—Less than 1-2 inch. No. 1—1 1-2 in. or over. No. 3—1 to 1-1-4 inches.

No. 5-1-2 to 3-4 inches.

There is some fault to be found with this method of grading because some varieties produce relatively few No. 1 bulbs—notably Bengal Tiger, Diener's American Beauty, Jenny Lind. Others make enormous growth, for example: Golden Measure, Opalescent, Purple Glory. No hesitancy should be made in the buying of smaller sizes.

No. 1 bulbs are referred to as large; No. 4 as medium; No. 6 as small.

#### ORDER OF LISTING

Varieties are listed alphabetically, according to the principal name. For example, Elizabeth Tabor is to be found under "T", instead of "E" as in some catalogs.

Before Ordering please read the text preceding, especially in relation to terms, sizes, shipments, etc.

## ROGUELESS GLADIOLUS

BULBS Oregon Quality Oregon Grown

Originations from Around the World 

### The Varieties

Where quoted per dozen, three or more at the dozen rate.

SACAJAWEA (Pratt)-Indian red with a distinct bronze overcast. Growers from Atlantic to Pacific, and Canada to Mexico and overseas, have tried it and I have received much favorable comment on it. At Portland show a man pointing toward one end of the exhibit asked "How much are the bulbs of that one?" "Which one?" I inquired. "The prettiest one you've got"—and he led me to SACAJAWEA.

> No. 1 bulbs: Each \$ .50 doz. \$5.00 No. 2 bulbs: Each .35, doz. 3.50 No. 3 bulbs: Each .30, doz. 3.00 No. 4 bulbs: Each No. 4 bulbs: Each .20, doz. 2.00 No. 5 bulbs: Each .15, doz. 1.50 No. 6 bulbs: Each .10, doz. 1.00

ALBANIA (Kemp)—A fine white .... Each .06; doz. .50

BADENIA (Pfitzer)-Light clear blue. The richest of its color. Few growers raise it because it does not reproduce rapidly. The color is about the same as Mrs. Van Konynenburg, which is taller in heightand price ...... Each .40; doz. \$3.50

BENGAL TIGER (Pratt)-Bright old rose, with darker markings ...... Each .07; doz. .60

BENNETT, DR. F. E. (Diener)-Brilliant orange-scarlet, white throat stripe ...... Each .20; doz. \$1.80

BREAK O'DAY (Bill)-LaFrance pink. Very early. No. 1 and 2 bulbs ...... Each .06; doz. .50

BOYNTON, CAPT. (B)-Light lavender. Each .10; doz. .90

BUNCE, ALLAN V. (Bill)-Livid orange-yellow prim. grandiflorus ...... Each .25; doz. \$2.25

BOTHIN, MRS. H. E. (Diener)-Ruffled geranium pink, scarlet blotch ...... Each .07; doz. .50

Where quoted per dozen, three or more at the dozen rate.
CARDINAL PRINCE (Kund.)—Brilliant cardinal self. Strong growth Each .30; doz. \$2.50
CHALICE FLOWER (Kund.)—Ruffled creamy blush white. No. 1 or 2 bulbs Each .25; doz. \$2.25
CLARK, MRS. WM. E. (Fischer)—Light salmon-pink, crimson blotch Each .10; doz90
COLEMAN, CATHERINE (Coleman)—Large salmon, dark red throat Each .25; doz. \$2.25
DE POY, ADA (Salbach)—An unusual type of prim., apricot and bronze. Large .25; medium .15; small .08
DOUGLAS, MRS. LEON (Diener)—Begonia-rose flaked flame and scarlet. Blooms very large; a great exhibition type; the kind that neighbors are called over to see. No. 2, each .10; doz80
DIENER, RICHARD (Diener)—Geranium-pink, flaked rose, throat yellow and carmine. Ea08; doz75
DUCHESS OF YORK (Dames)—Tall dark purple-blue Each .10; doz90
EBERIUS, ANNA(D)—Rhodamine purple. Ea07; doz60
ERREY, GERTRUDE (Errey)—Beautiful shell-pink from Australia. No. 1 or 2, .15; medium .10; small .07
ELF (Diener)—White, lemon-lip-petal. No. 1 and 2 Each .05; doz40
ETHELYN (F)—Orange-yellow prim. Each .15; doz. \$1.25
FONTAINE (Coleman)—A daintily ruffled soft creamy pink. The kind for a bride's bouquet. My favorite of all the lighter shades. Each .06; doz55
FULD, MAURICE (Gage)—Huge bright pink. Each .50
GOLD EAGLE (Austin)—The richest, deepest yellow Large .40; No. 3, .30; Bulblets, doz25
GIBBS, MRS. W. THURSTON (Gibbs)—Pale amaranth-pink with two lively blotches of purple in the throat. An improved Vesta Tilley Each .25
GLADSOME (Suttle)—Prim. grandiflorus. Two shades of light yellow, lower petals very pale creamy white. Like a bi-color daffodil
GLORIANA (Betscher)—The most beautiful shade of salmon that I have seen. Cupped blooms. No. 1 or 2 Each .40; doz. \$4.00
GOLDEN DREAM (Groff)—Excellent deep yellow. No. 1 or 2 Each .75; doz. \$7.50
GOLDEN FRILLS (K)—Deep yellow ruffled prim.  Each (1 or 2) .45

Where	quoted	per	dozen,	three	or	more a	at th	e dozen	rate

- GOLDEN MEASURE (Kelway)—The old favorite light yellow that hybridizers are trying to equal or beat with a deeper color ...... Each .07; doz. .60
- HARBINGER (Sanford)—Don't know the techincal color. To me it is a delightful burnt-orange, large florets, medium height ...... Each .50; doz. \$4.50
- HEAVENLY BLUE (Pfitzer)—Aniline blue, long spike. This variety, shown by Mr. Rooney, took the sweep-stakes ribbon at Vancouver. No. 1. \$5.00; No. 3 or 4. \$3.00
- IDAMAE (Sal)-Large ivory white. Each .20; doz. \$2.00
- KIRTLAND, EVELYN (Austin)—A fine frosted pink.
  ...... Each .07; doz. .60
- KUNDERD, MARIE (Kunderd)—A fine ruffled white. No. 2 ...... Each .07; doz. .60
- KYLE, FERN (Kunderd)—Excellent creamy white, ruffled ...... Each .10; doz. .90
- KILLION, MRS. M. J. (Fischer)—Large lilywhite, waxy blooms, faintly overcast with an opalescent tinge as from a prism. . . . . . . . . . Each .60
- KUNDERD'S YELLOW WONDER—Tall buttercupyellow. Lighter than Gold Eagle. Each, .50; doz. \$4.50
- LADY ALICE (Barber)—Ruffled orange-saffron. The "grown-up Alice Tiplady" but not a prim. One of my favorites ................ No. 1, \$1.00; No. 3, .75
- LIND, JENNIE (Hoeg)—A compact spike of coralpink with creamy throat ...... Each, .18; doz., .75
- LOS ANGELES (Houdyshel)—Light pink with carmine throat markings. Has tendency to send up new spikes after the first are cut .... Each .10; doz. .90
- MISS MADISON (Boynton)—Clear light pink blooms. good texture and large ...... Each .10; doz. \$1.00
- MINUET (Coleman)—Beautiful lavender. Many large blooms open at once. This variety took all three ribbons in its color class at the Portland show. ....

  No. 1, \$1.00; Bulblets, doz. .75
- MOODY, DR. (Kinyon)—A rival of Minuet and almost the identical color, but said to have more vigor and productiveness. Won prizes over Minuet in some eastern shows. No. 1, \$10.00; No. 2, \$8.50; No. 3, \$7.00
- MOTHER MACHREE (Stevens)—Smoky, vinaceous lavender, pink tinged. The "hit" and center of attraction of the Portland show. . . . . . No. 1, \$100.00 Bulblets . . . . . . . selected, \$10.00; three, \$25.00
- MURIEL (Pfitzer)—Heliotrope, violet throat blotches. Sometimes called a "light blue"—I can't see it. Anyway it's good ...... Each .07; doz. .50
- ORANGE WONDER (Kemp)—Rich orange self color. New last year. A Golden Measure hybrid with much of the parent's qualities. Limited .... Each \$4.00

- Where quoted per dozen, three or more at the dozen rate.
- ORCHID LADY (Spencer)—Large, deep orchid lavender, early. ..... Each: Large \$1.00; med. .75 Three: 21-2 times price each.
- PEARL OF CALIFORNIA (King)—Many large La-France pink blooms open at one time....... Each: Large \$1.00; medium .70; small .35 Three: 21-2 times price each.
- PETERS, MRS. F. C. (Fischer)—Amaranth-pink with purplish throat blotch. Variously called "orchid" and "lavender." . . . . . . . . Each .07; doz. .60.
- PHAENOMEN (Pfitzer)—A beautiful combination of the softest pink and finest yellow. All fall in love with it ....... Large .20; med. .15; small .10 Three of any size at 2 1-2 times the single price.
- PFITZER MRS. GERTRUDE-Not released by F. H. B.
- PFITZER, PAUL (Pfitzer)—Rich reddish royal purple, or "iris-violet." Limited .......Each .75
- PRIDE OF OREGON (Damon)—A new gladiolus worthy of the name. Color: Iridescent orangepink. About a dozen large flowers open at once; keeping quality unexcelled. Spikes left with a Portland florist were sold almost immediately. It is extremely early. Each: Large \$5.00; medium \$2.50; small \$1.25. Dozen: Large \$50.00; med. \$25.00: small \$12.50; three sold at dozen rate. Bulblets:
- PURPLE GLORY (Kunderd)—Ruffled rich velvety maroon, or Tyrian-Rose ...... Each .10; doz. .75
- RED FIRE (Kunderd)—Orange scarlet. Color like Dr. Bennett but slenderer growth ..... Each .10; doz. .75
- SCARLET BEDDER (Salbach)—A fine new prim. Ea. .75
- SCARLET PRINCEPS (K)—Large scarlet Ea. .06; doz. .50
- SCARLET WONDER (Cowee)—The largest scarlet. Each .10; doz. .90
- SISSON, MRS. P. W. (J. C.)—Cameo pink. Many large blooms open. ..... Each .50; doz. \$4.50
- SUNNYMEDE (F.)—Light orange-yellow, red blotch.
  ..... Each .15; doz. \$1.25
- SUPERBA (Coleman)—Carmine-scarlet. Very early. Each .20; doz. \$1.50
- STARBRIGHT (Bales)—Deep yellow, red stripe thru center of each petal. No. 2 or 3, each .30; doz. \$3.00
- TABOR, ELIZABETH (H.)—Early rosy-pink with crimson blotch. . . . . . Each (No. 2) .07; doz. .60

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VAN KONYNENBURG, MRS. (Pfitzer)—Rich aniline blue. An improved Badenia .... No. 1, \$1.00; No. 4, .60

VICTOR (Errey)-Brilliant scarlet, large white blotch. ..... Large .75; medium, .50; small .25

# Special Small Lots

Bulbs from trial plantings on which quantities are too small to list in regular section. Bulblets are retained for propagation. Quantities in parenthesis.

AMORET (Kemp)—Shrimp pink (2). ..... Each .50 BECK, RITA (F)-La France pink (2) ..... Each 50 BENGAL BEAUTY (E)-Mottled red (2) No. 2 Ea. \$2.00 BON ECHO (Bon)—Tall cream (4) ..... No. 1 Each .25 

BUDDY WORDEN (A)—Early pink prim (2) No. 1 Each .25

CLEOPATRA (Bill)—Metallic yellow (4) No. 1
Each \$1.00

ELEANA (Burbank)—Creamy white (4) No. 1 Ea. .25 GENESSEE (Davis)—Light cream buff (9) No. 2 ..... Each .10

HELEN HOWARD (A)-Buff and amber (2) No. 1 ...... Each \$1.00

HOPE HAMPTON (D)—Strawberry pink (3) No. 1 ..... Each \$1.00

HORNBERGER, MRS. F. C. (H)-White (4) No. 3 Ea. .50 JUBILEE—Kemp's silver jubilee lavender. Very large and showy. ..... No. 1, \$50.00; No. 3, \$30.00;

Bulblets ..... Each \$5.00 NIMROD (Errey)-Fine dark red (2) No. 1 .... Each .50

NUTHALL, BETTY (Sal)—Fine tall coral pink (3) No. 1 ..... Each \$7.50

NANCY HANKS (Sal)—Orange pink, beauty (8) No. 1
..... Each .35
OSALIN (Sal)—Coral pink (7) No. 1 ..... Each .35

PFITZER'S TRIUMPH-Very large salmon No. 1 or 2

..... Each \$1.25 THE ARISTOCRAT (Bill)-Orange pink No. 1 or 2 Ea. .25

# Delphinium Seeds

From choice Wrexham plants. Not a scrub in the garden, so no chance for inferior pollen. Start them in flat, placed in a cold shady place. Transfer to greenhouse -hotbed or cold frame for slower germination-set out when about 2 or 3 inches high.

Pkt., over 100 seeds, \$1.00. Half pkt. .55